(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has examined the request of the ASSOCHAM in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) to (f) The fact about submission of report by ASSOCHAM on domestic defence market to Government and details of the report are being ascertained from ASSOCHAM.

Health problems of paramilitary forces

1424. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a news published in Daily News Analysis of 13 July, 2009 stating, about 25 per cent of the paramilitary personnel have hypertension, diabetes and skin disease;

(b) whether health problems are on the rise and effecting the performance and morale of the forces;

(c) whether in a force of 5,00,000, 1,22,700 paramilitary men are ailing and out of them 52,000 have skin disease, 27,000 hypertension and 7,000 diabetes, 6200 cardiac ailments, 1300 cases of HIV/AIDS, has attracted notice of the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The stated news published in Daily News Analysis of 13 July, 2009 is factually incorrect.

(b) Health problems are not on the rise and are not affecting the performance and morale of the Forces in general.

(c) and (d) The figures mentioned are on the higher side. The figures in CPMFs pertaining to any such ailments are not high compared to the national average. Government is taking precautionary and remedial healthcare measures. Awareness medical camps regarding hypertension, diabetes, skin disease and HIV/AIDS are being conducted regularly. Health infrastructure for CPMFs is being strengthened, modernized and augmented continuously.

Increasing naxal menace

1425. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: